4. what is the area to be levelled up and what will be the approximate cost ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Marshy in some places and low-lying in others.

2. Sand in some places and clay with sand in others.

3. Yes, for about 4 feet.

4. 20 acres. Rs. 30,000 for filling the area to an average height of 1 foot.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, with regard to the answer to sub-division (3), may I know whether the taking of borings for 4 feet will be sufficient to ascertain the depth of the foundation for the buildings proposed to be constructed ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Some more investigation will be necessary.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Suppose it is clay. Will not the expenses be more than it would be if it were sand for the construction of the foundation of the buildings ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Judging from the nature of the soil around, I do not expect that it would be hard clay. If it is clay more expenditure will be necessary.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—If it is clay, will it not prove treacherous ; how far is the proposed site for the extension below the level of the Chittur and Thirumala Devaswam roads ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Member will note that I have stated that the area on an average is one foot below. Some portions may be deeper while other portions may not be so.

66. Mr E. Ikkanda Warriar—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether they have verified the correctness of the amount shown in the majority report of the College Extension Committee before they passed orders on the same ;

2. if the answer is in the affirmative, how did they do so?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1 and 2. The provision made by the Committee for the construction of buildings was checked by the Chief Engineer. The cost of acquisition provided in the report is being verified by the Land Revenue Department.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did the Chief Engineer take the borings before he verified the figures of the Committee ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Then how did he come to the conclusion that the amount estimated by the committee will be correct ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—On the assumption of the foundation that is obtained now from the nature of the soil that is usually found in Ernakulam.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What was the valuation of the site proposed that the Land Revenue Department came to ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is being verified by the Land Revenue Department.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—That is no answer to my question. My question was whether they did verify before they passed orders. The answer is it is being verified. I think the question admits of a positive or negative answer.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It was not previously verified.

67. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they considered before they passed orders on the report of the College Extension Committee, the cost that will be necessary for providing the same accommodation and other conveniences at Ramavarmapuram, as will be provided for the Maharaja's College at Ernakulam when the proposed extension is completed;

(2) if so, what is that amount?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) No.

(2) No answer in necessary.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar. —Sir, May I know why they did not get a comparative statement of the cost required ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—As it was very clearly explained in the majority report it was not in the terms of of reference of the Committee to compare the merits of these sites. They were simply asked to only state whether extensions were possible.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I do not think the member has correctly understood me. Can I take it that the Government did not think it necessary to get a comparative statement of the cost of the two schemes before they passed orders on the College Extension Committee report ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I simply said that it was not in the terms of reference of the Committee.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—My question is whether they considered before they passed orders on the report of the College Extension Committee the cost that will be necessary for providing the same accommodation and other conveniences at Ramavarmapuram as will be provided for the Maharaja's College at Ernakulam when the proposed extension is completed. If the Government say 'No', my supplementary question is why did they not prepare a statement showing the comparative cost ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A rough comparison has been made in the Diwan's Proceedings reviewing the suggestion.

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